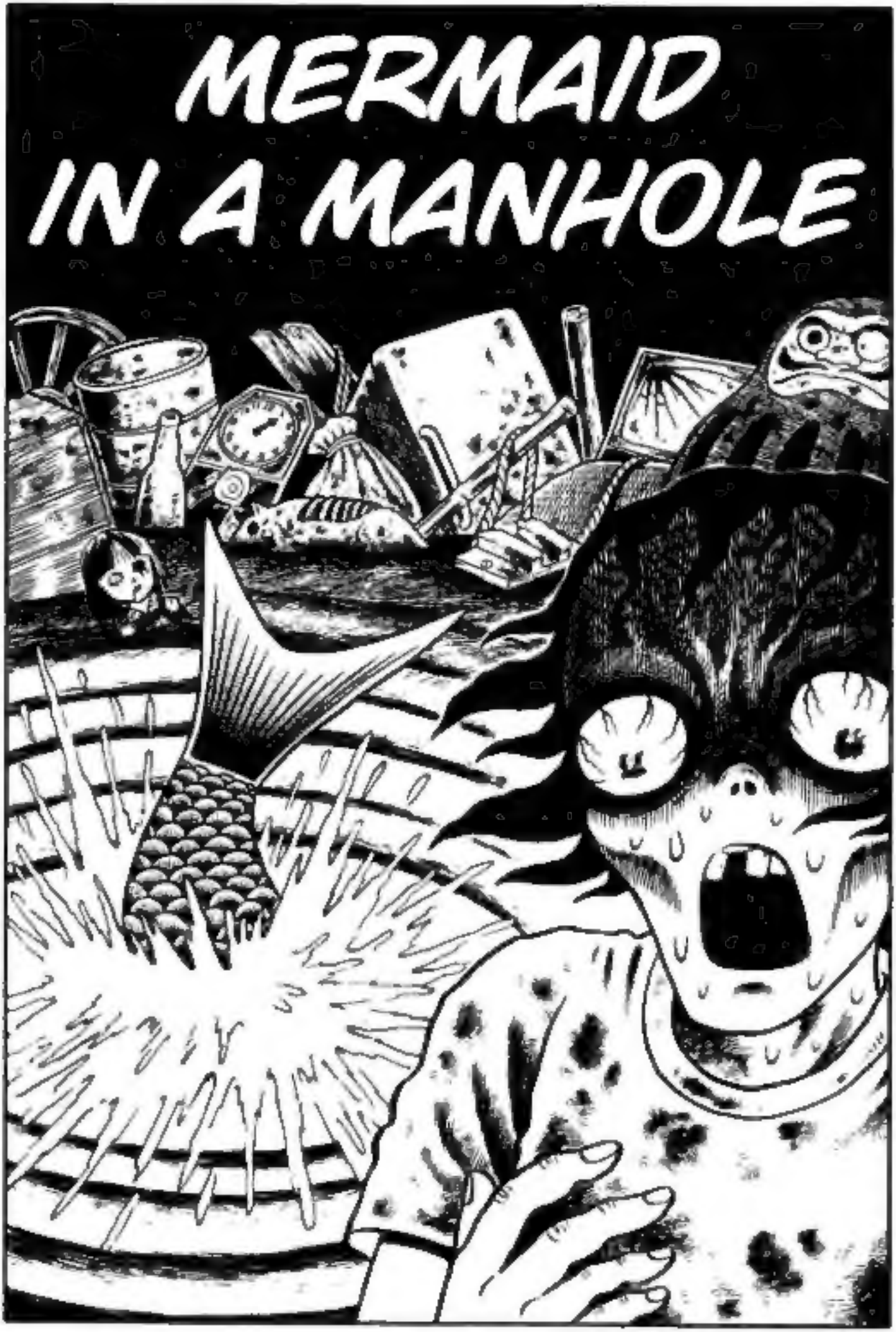
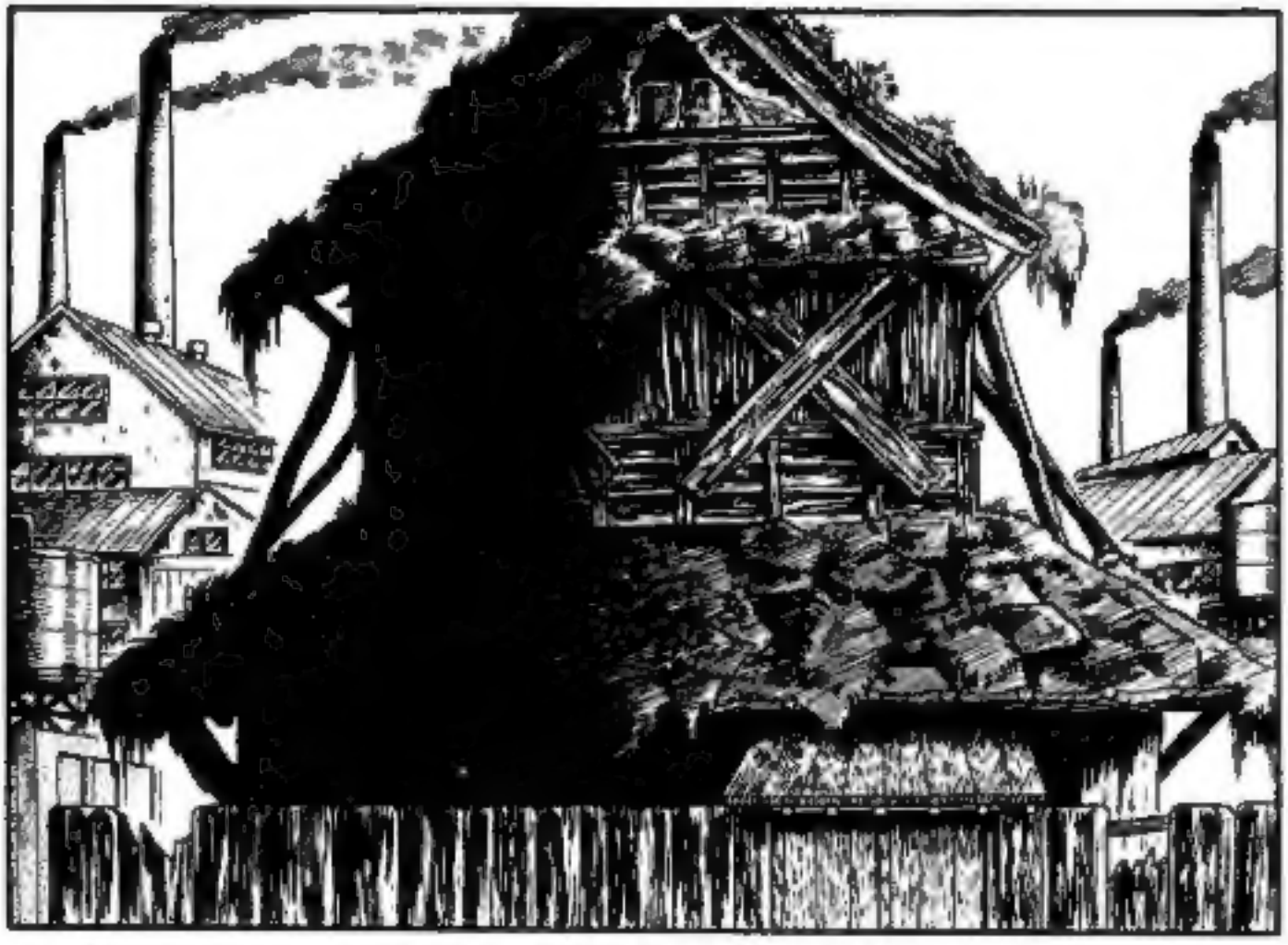
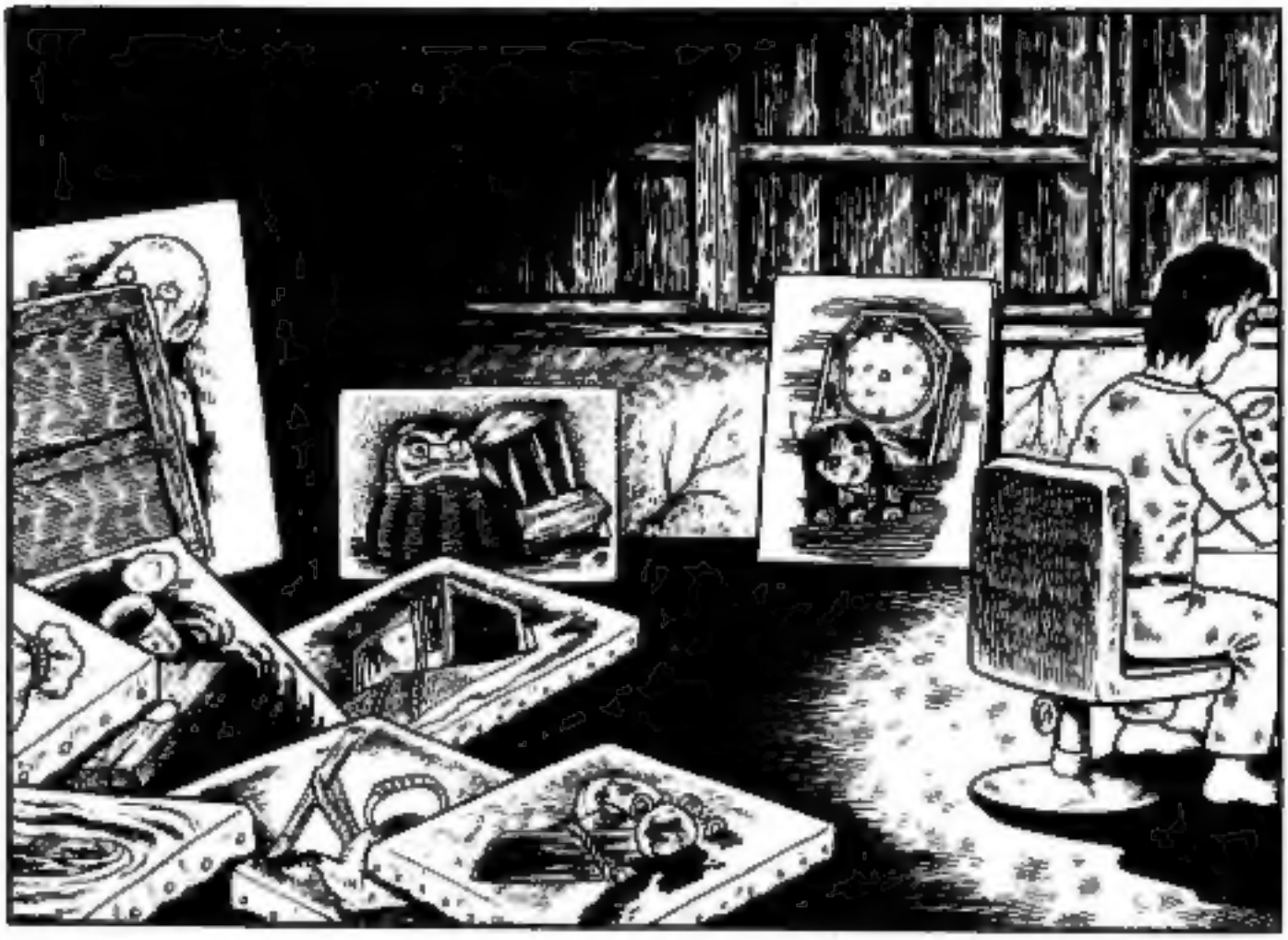
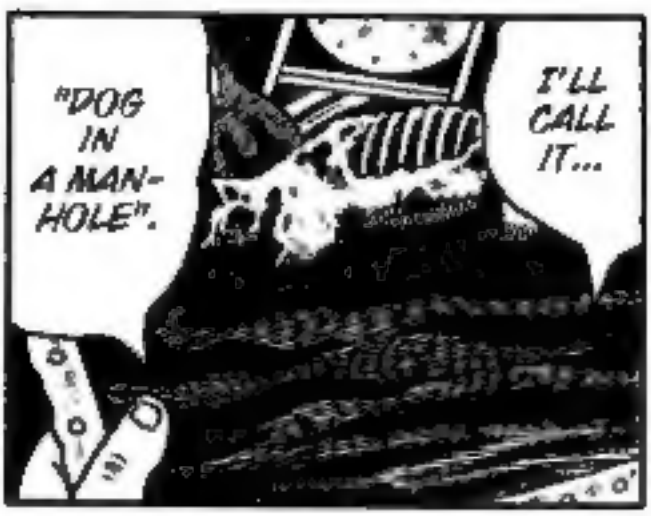

MERMAID
IN A MANHOLE





THIS IS A UNIQUE WORK OF ART!
IT'S FIN-ISH-ED ...


"DOG IN A MAN-HOLE".
I'LL CALL IT...

OH... OFF FOR A WALK, MAESTRO?
MUST BE NICE... TO BE ABLE TO LIVE OFF YOUR PARENTS' INHERITANCE, PAINTING EVERY DAY. HIHIHIHI...
YOU KNOW I'M RIGHT.
HEY, DON'T TALK LIKE THAT GRANDMA!
PFT! WEIRDO !!
THINK ABOUT IT.

ONE CAN'T HELP BUT THINK HE'S CRAZY.
HE KEEPS ALL THE BLINDS OF HIS PLACE SHUT AND ALL HE DOES IS PAINT...
THAT'S WHAT I THINK. HIHIHI-HI!
HE'LL END UP IN A LOONY BIN ANY DAY NOW.
WELL, IF YOU PUT IT THAT WAY ...

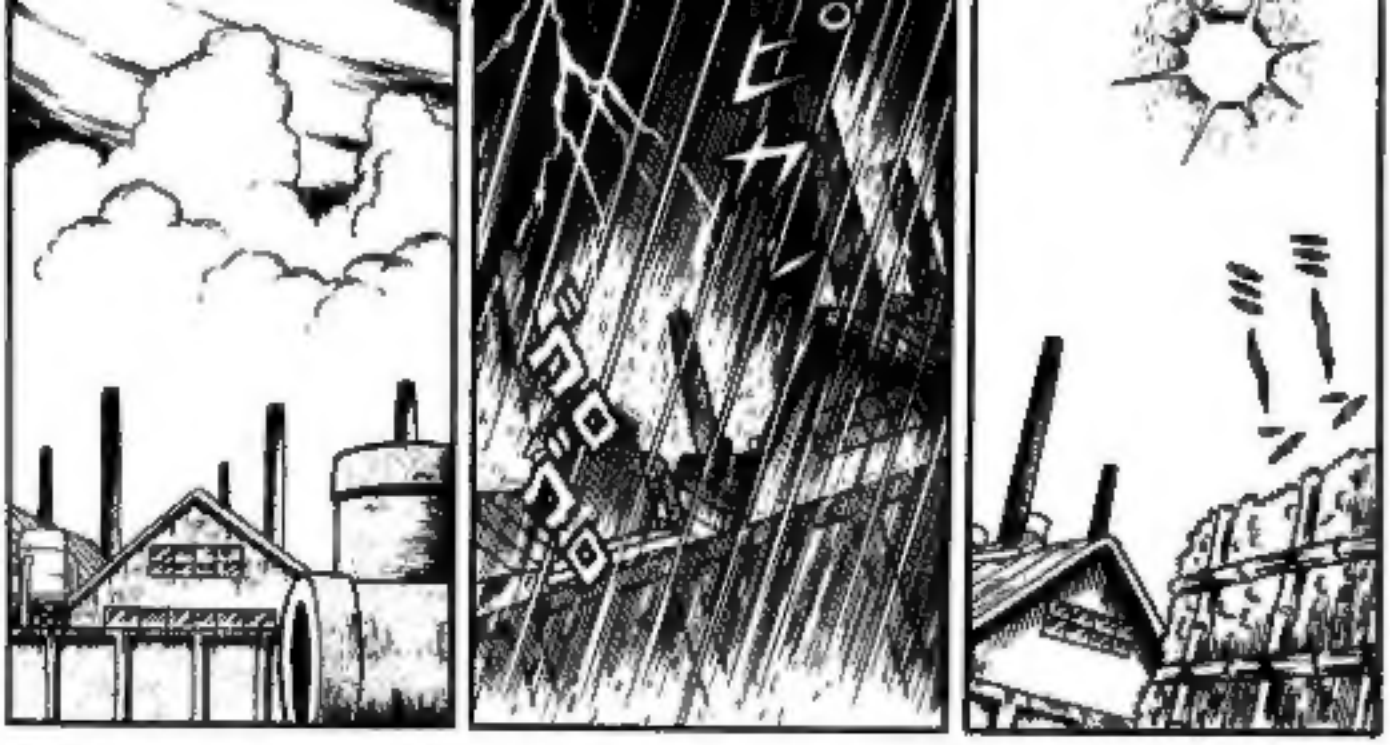
OHHH
...

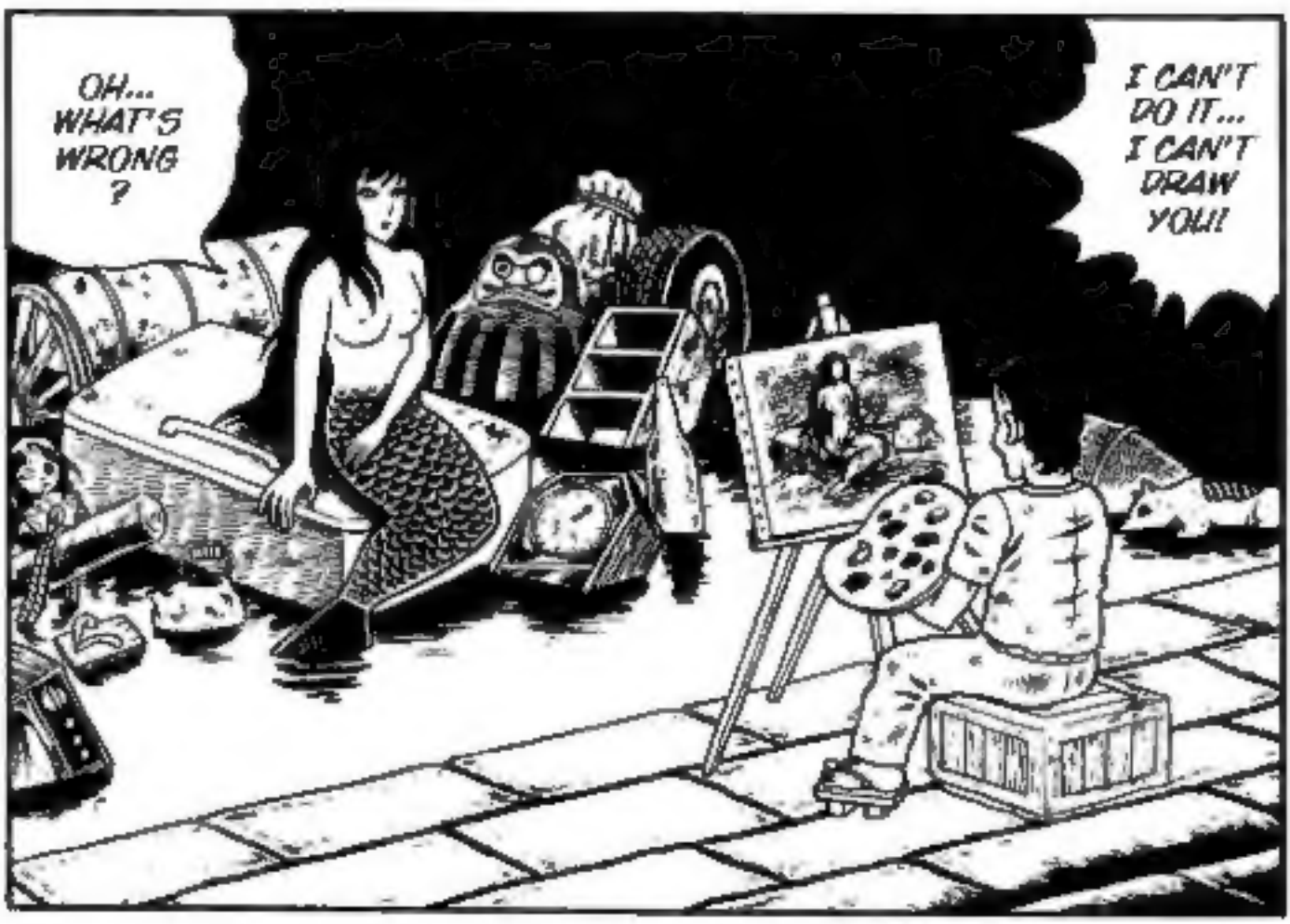
"FETUS IN A MAN-HOLE" ...
LET'S CALL IT...
THIS IS WONDER-FUL!
!?
AH !!
A FISH IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?

HUH ?!

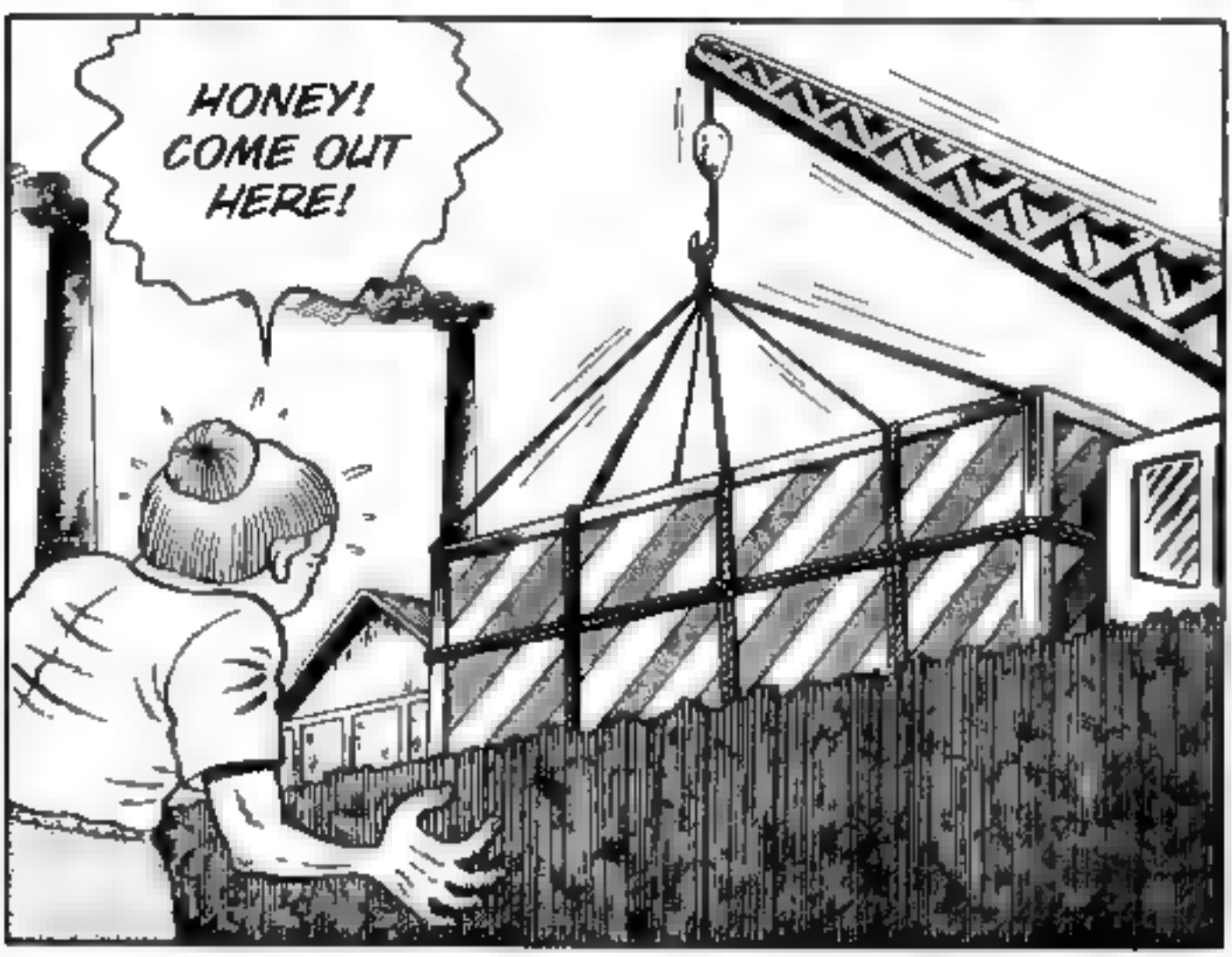
I CAN'T BE-LIEVE IT!
A MER-MAID !!

WOW... WHAT DO YOU PAINT?
I'M A PAINTER.
WHO ARE YOU ?
THINGS FROM THIS MAN-HOLE.
I GUESS YOU PAINT VERY UN-USUAL PICTURES.
IT'S IN THIS MANHOLE THAT ONE CAN SEE THE TRUE NATURE OF MAN-KIND.
HUHU... YOU'RE A FUNNY GUY.
HAHA... IF YOU PUT IT THAT WAY... I GUESS ...
HUH ?

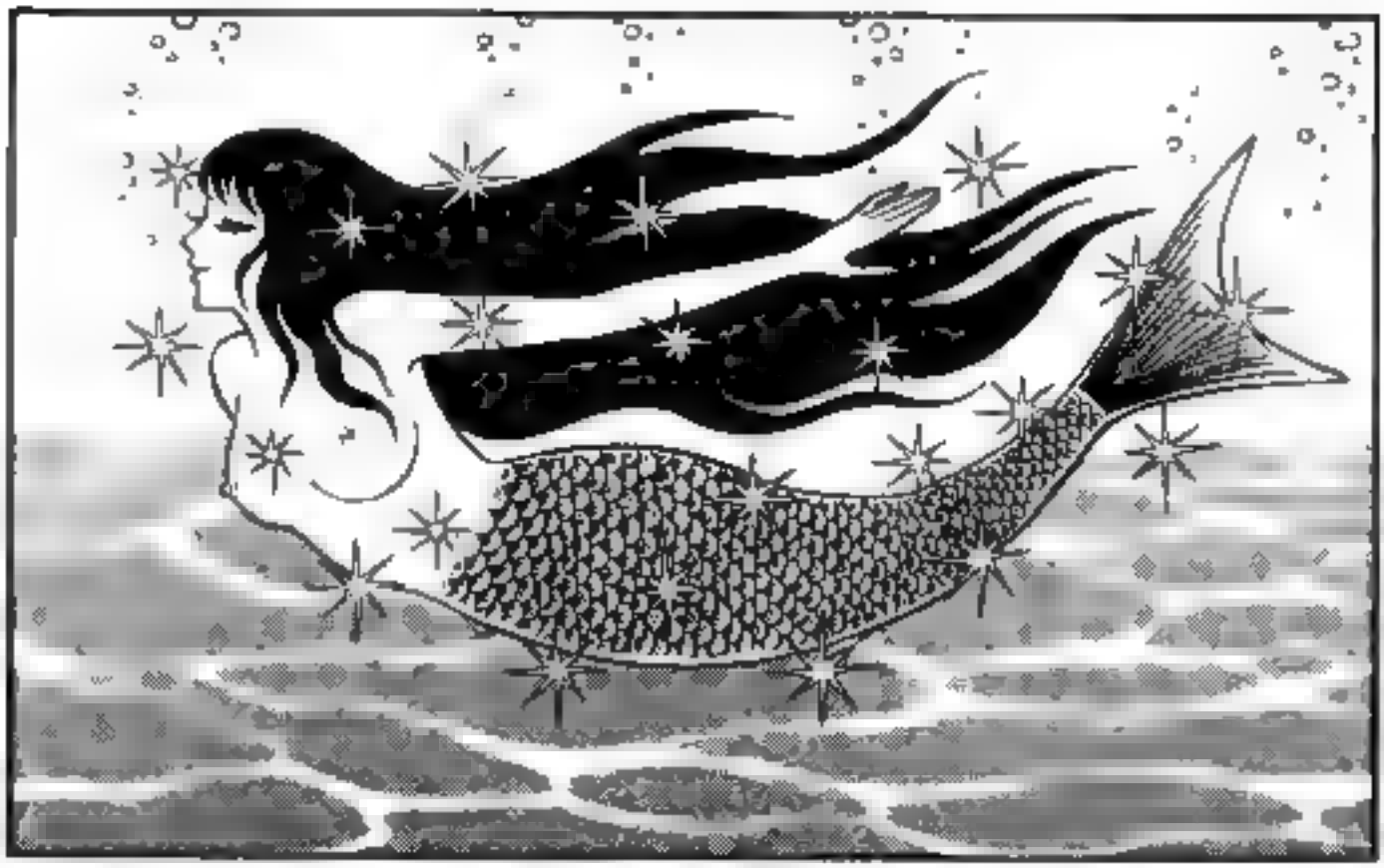



OH... WHAT'S WRONG ?
I CAN'T DO IT... I CAN'T DRAW YOU!!

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE SOMETHING AS BEAUTI-FUL AS YOU.
I'VE SEEN ALL THE UGLY THINGS OF THE HUMAN WORLD IN THIS MANHOLE...
YOU DON'T BELONG HERE.
I CAN'T CAPTURE YOUR BEAUTY IN A FILTHY PLACE LIKE THIS.
I WANT TO PAINT YOUR BEAUTY THERE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!
WELL... I WANT TO COME TO YOUR PLACE ...
I WANT YOU TO COME TO MY PLACE!
Y-YES! I'D LIKE THAT!


HONEY! COME OUT HERE!

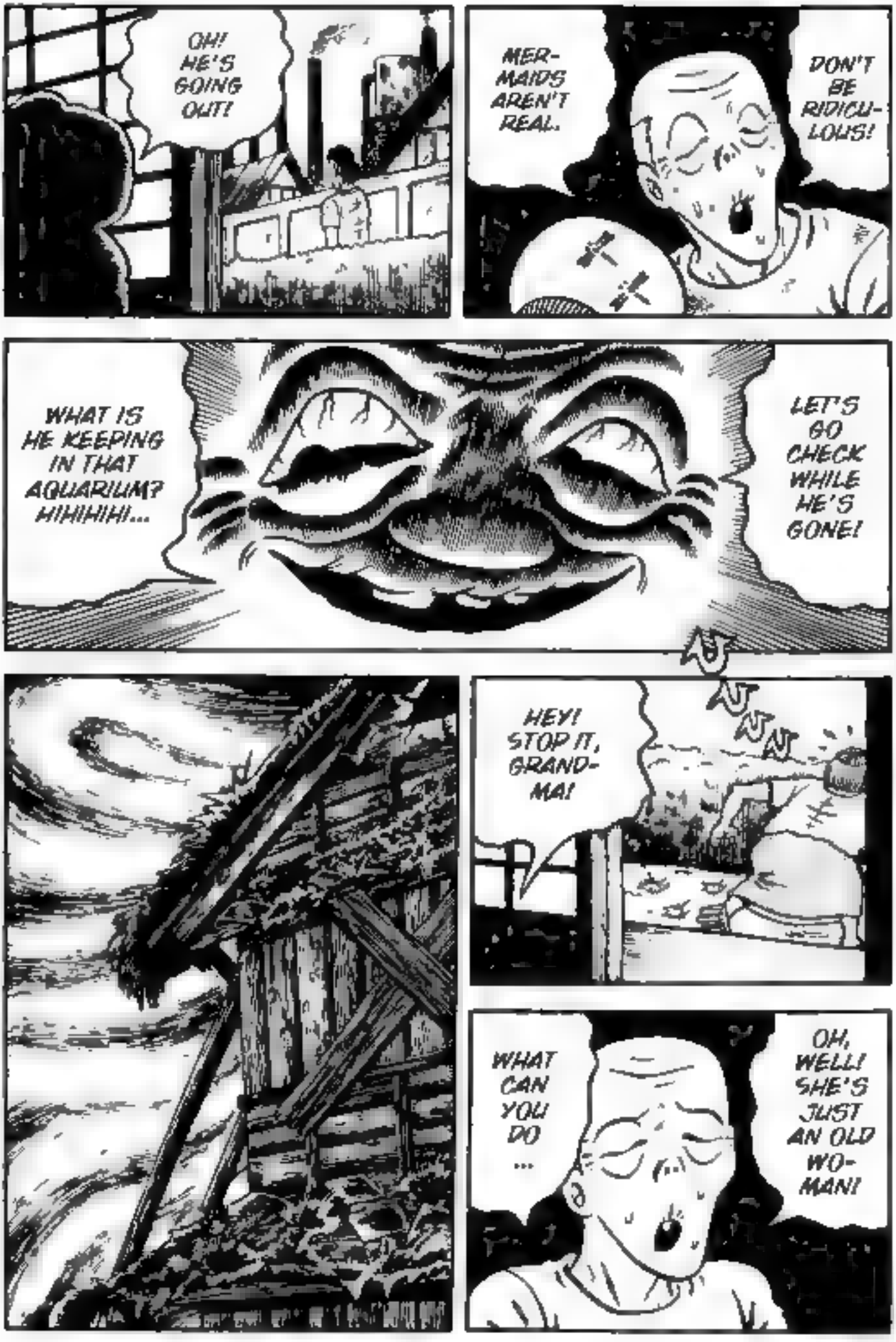
LOOK AT THAT HUGE AQUARIUM! THEY'RE TAKING IT INTO HIS PLACE!
WHAT'S WITH THE YELLING ?
OH, DAMN YOU. YOU'RE SUCH A NOISY OLD HAG!
JUST AS I SUS-PECTED. I TOLD YOU THIS'D HAPPEN!
HUH! WHAT'S HE GOING TO DO... KEEP A WHALE ?!

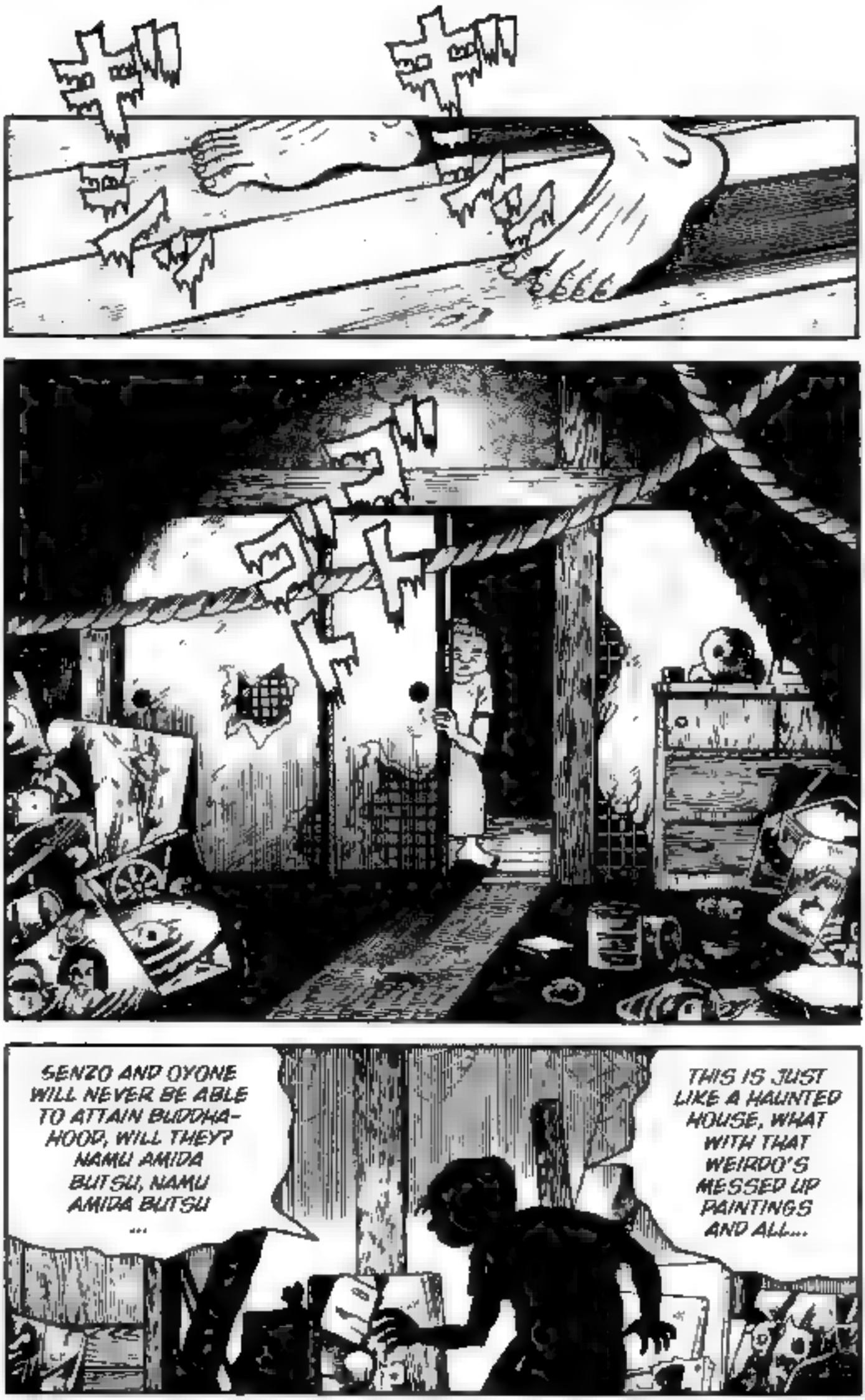


THERE WILL NEVER BE ANYTHING AS BEAUTIFUL AS YOU IN THIS WORLD!
BEAUTI-FUL!!

AND NOW I'M GOING TO SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE PAINTING YOUR BEAUTY!
I'VE BEEN PAINTING THE UGLY THINGS OF THIS WORLD ...
I'M SO HAPPY.
YOU REALLY THINK SO...?
I DO!

THE MER-MAID... I WANT TO PAINT THE BEAUTIFUL MERMAID ...
I DON'T WANT TO PAINT ANY MORE OF THESE DIS-GUSTING PAINTINGS ...
.....
HE SAID SOME-THING ABOUT A MERMAID... HE COULDN'T HAVE MEANT A MERMAID IN THAT AQUARIUM...
HE BURNED ALL HIS PAINTINGS ...


OH! HE'S GOING OUT!
MER-MAIDS AREN'T REAL.
DON'T BE RIDICU-LOUS!
WHAT IS HE KEEPING IN THAT AQUARIUM? HIHIHIHI...
LET'S GO CHECK WHILE HE'S GONE!
HEY! STOP IT, GRAND-MA!
WHAT CAN YOU DO ...
OH, WELL! SHE'S JUST AN OLD WO-MAN!


SENZO AND OYONE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO ATTAIN BUDDHA-HOOD, WILL THEY? NAMU AMIDA BUTSU, NAMU AMIDA BUTSU ...
THIS IS JUST LIKE A HAUNTED HOUSE, WHAT WITH THAT WEIRDO'S MESSED UP PAINTINGS AND ALL...

AH! THIS ...
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS HE KEEPING...
!?
I KNEW THERE WAS SOME-THING IN HERE... HIHIHIHI ...

UWA-
AAA-
AAH
!!
AAH
!!

WHAT THE OLD WOMAN FROM NEXT DOOR SAW IN THE AQUARIUM...
UWAA! URGH ...
COM-PLETELY CRAZY ...
CRAZY !!
WAS THE CORPSE OF A WOMAN THAT HAD ROTTED TO A PULP ...
EEK !!

MERMAID IN A MANHOLE - THE END